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Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the emergency clause and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §4366, sub-§6, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 347, §1, is amended to read:

6. Large-scale retail development. "Large-scale retail development" means any retail business establishment having a gross floor area of 75,000 square feet or more in one or more buildings at the same location, and any expansion or renovation of an existing building or buildings that results in a retail business establishment's having a gross floor area of 75,000 square feet or more in one or more buildings except when the expansion of an existing retail business establishment is less than 20,000 square feet. Other retail business establishments on the same site as the large-scale retail business establishment are not included in this definition unless they share a common check stand, management, controlling ownership or storage areas.

Sec. 2. 30-A MRSA §4372 is enacted to read:

§ 4372. Existing structure

This subchapter does not apply to a retail business establishment proposing to occupy an existing building in which the most recent occupant was a large-scale retail development as long as no increase greater than 20,000 square feet in gross floor area is proposed.'

SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the bill. It exempts a retail business establishment from the Informed Growth Act if that establishment is proposing to occupy an existing building in which the most recent occupant was a large-scale retail development as long as there is no proposed increase greater than 20,000 square feet in gross floor area. It also clarifies that the definition of "large-scale retail development" under the Informed Growth Act does not include renovation of an existing building.